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In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified patent application:

## In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Next, in step 66, a formula or function for determining the contingent payment is set. In this particular example, the amount of the contingent payment is based on the announced probability and the amount is designed to be maximized when the announced probability is substantially the same as the true probability for the condition for the contingency occurring.